

just like it does for executive salaries. Are those the same executives that were backdating the stock options? They didn't let the marketplace set their compensation. They backdated the stock options so they were guaranteed a profit in those stock options. No, they didn't rely on the market. They manipulated the market. They manipulated the market.

And how is it that somehow they want to suggest that for people at the minimum wage that they are the ones that have to survive in the marketplace? The fact of the matter is the marketplace is exploiting these individuals by failing to pay them a decent wage so that they can raise their families.

And it has got to stop. And it has got to stop here because the times has come to do this, to make sure that after 9 years, after 9 years of no increases, after six times of increasing congressional salaries, somehow something is terribly wrong for these individuals, and we have got to change that. We have got to make sure that that can't happen.

The disparities are just unbelievable in terms of these people and the rest of the country. And we cannot believe that each of these children who are in these families are going to have the same kind of opportunity that other children have, and that is why we have got to raise the minimum wage.

This is an issue of moral dimensions. It is way beyond the pay for the hours worked, the pay for the week's work. It is about whether or not we really do, in fact, believe in the value of work, whether we really do believe in the human dignity of these individuals who toil at these jobs. That is what this minimum wage is about. And it is a tragedy, it is a tragedy that the Republican leadership is now vowing that it simply will not be able to be voted on.

This is a Congress. We have a bipartisan solution; clearly we have enough votes in the Congress to pass the minimum wage. But they are going to do everything they can from keeping that vote from taking place. So the democracy is not going to work its will. The House is not going to work its will. All of the jabbering that goes on about bipartisan government is not going to work its will because bipartisan government in the House of Representatives would vote to increase the minimum wage. But that apparently is not going to happen.

But we have got to continue to struggle on behalf of these families, on behalf of their children, on behalf of this Nation in terms of human dignity.

And I want to thank my colleagues for joining me in this Special Order to raise this issue with our colleagues and with people in the country.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HUNTER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. MANZULLO (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for June 19 on account of being with his wife at the hospital.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ROSS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today and June 21.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, June 27.
Mr. OTTER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8176. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Radio Frequency Identification (DFARS Case 2006-D002) (RIN: 0750-AF31) received June 2, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8177. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Termination [DFARS Case 2003-D046] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8178. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Authorization for Continued Contract [DFARS Case 2003-D052] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8179. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Special Contracting Methods [DFARS Case 2003-D079] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8180. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Quality Assurance [DFARS Case 2003-D027] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8181. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Basic Agreements for Telecommunications Services [DFARS Case 2003-D056] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8182. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Describing Agency Needs [DFARS Case 2003-D073] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8183. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report on the operations of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2005, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5302(c)(2); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8184. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's notification to Congress of any significant modifications to the auction process for issuing United States Treasury obligations, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, section 203; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8185. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's report that no such exemptions to the prohibition against favored treatment of a government securities broker or dealer were granted during the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, section 202; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8186. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Twenty-Eighth Annual Report to Congress consistent with Section 815 of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692m; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8187. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of